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GITSKAN-WET'SUWET'EN APPEAL UPHELD

On Friday, June 9th, the B.C. Court of Appeal upheld an injunction preventing Westar Timber from proceeding with logging plans in virgin forest north of the Babine river.

That injunction was granted last October, when six hereditary chiefs argued that Westar should not be permitted to proceed with logging roads and clear-cuts until the unresolved question of their aboriginal ownership is settled.

The Babine river case began when Gitskan and Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs errected a roadblock to prevent Westar crews from constructing a bridge in the Sam Green Creek area of their land in northeastern B.C.

This land is the last area of the northern Gitskan territory that remains unaffected by clear-cut logging, and is an area that the Gitskan still use for hunting, fishing, water and other resources. The Gitskan say that the proposed Westar clear-cut would invade the sacred and historical landmarks of their people and destroy ancient hunting and trapping grounds. In addition, it would cause massive erosion of the land and pollution of the water and air, effectively destroying one of the few remaining grizzly bear habitats.

Friday's ruling means that Westar will be permitted to build the bridge if they want but they can't cross it. They'll have to wait until the outcome of the land-title action. That action is presently befor the B.C. Supreme Court, wher for the past two years, the Gitskan and Wet'suwet'en have pursued their case against the government, arguing for their ancestral rights to the land.

The court is open to the public and supporters are being encouraged to come down and see the proceedings. Drop by Courtroom #53, at the Robson St. courthouse any weekday to hear and see this historic land claims trial.

The Gitskan-Wet'suwet'en Tribal office in Vancouver was closed down a couple of months ago, due to lack of funds, but the office number is still good. Call 682-1990 to confirm that court is in session that day.

Source: Stark Raven, Co-op 102.7

When asked what people could do to help out, the president of the Chiefs Tribal council replied, "You could come up to the blockades if you want, or better yet take over your own government, sit in at their so called decentralisation offices and we'll come over and negotiate with you". Sounds good to us.

THOSE SILLY FASCISTS!

Since the last issue the situation with the fascists in Vancouver has quickly developed. They have quite obviously embarked on a campaign to gain public attention, to disrupt and declare their racist intentions to all. In our last report we estimated a neo-nazi skinhead group of about 15, since then more skins have come from Toronto and their numbers are approx. 25, with an unestimated number of (non-skinhead) fellow white supremacists spread throughout Vancouver, Surrey and the Fraser Valley. Last issue we mentioned the Mission P.O. Box for Aryan Nations, and since then we've heard (unsubstanciated) reports of a training area, complete with weapons weapons firing, and possibly explosives, out in the Mission area. Another unsubstanciated report is that police siezed several automatic weapons in Mission.

We know at least 2 nazi skins travelled to Hayden Lake, Idaho for an Aryan Nations gathering in mid-April. In an article in the *April 24 Province* one of these skins identifies himself as Tony McLean and comments on how they'd recieved training in recruitment. Mr. McLean is most probably TONY MACLEAR, a former University of Victoria student, who must've been taught 'counter intelligence' if his feeble attempts at covering up his true identity indicate anything.

On April 26th Chris Snow, a 19-year old nazi skin, was sentenced to a week in jail and banned from riding public transport for releasing a tear-gas cannister in the back of a bus on Feb. 24th in Vancouver. Several passengers had to be treated in hospital. Snow also yelled racial abuse, and told reporters he loves his country and is opposed to the number of immigrants coming to Vancouver. The gas cannister has no registration marks and possibly came from Hayden Lake.

There has been a rash of unexplained fire-bombings in South Vancouver, where a large East Indian community is situated, bringing back memories of the early 1980's when the B.C. KKK was attempting to organize. One attack, January 24th, occurred just 9 blocks from a known Aryan Nations meeting house, where ther had just been a get-together that evening. The victims were East Indian.

On April 16, 1989, 5 molotovs were tossed through the window of a 100-block E. 54th ave. house. Again, this area is an East Indian community.

On May 7, 1989, a day long workshop entitled *"Fight the Right"*, organized by the International socialist as a memorial to John Welsh (a skin who fell to his death), by reportedly spraying over racist symbols and leaving nice messages for the nazi skins, was disrupted as 15 neo-nazi skins arrive. Apprehensive of actually 'fighting the right' participants called the police. The fascists reportedly took photos of the participants.

On May 18, 1989, approx. 200 people rallied at Granview Park on Commercial Drive. (organized by the Anti-Nazi League,ANL) The week preceding saw a tense build-up to the protest, as many anti-fascists expected nazis to show up and disrupt the demo. The date was chosen as that night the *Cro-mags*, from NY, were playing a gig just blocks away. The Cro-mags have a skinhead/nazi skin following and themselves are quite homophobic and ignorant. Despite their talk of being a direct action organization the ANL decided to leaflet in the *opposite* direction, away from the Cro-mags gig hall. Avoiding the confrontation, the ANL left the Commercial Drive area, leaving approx. 25-30 fascists to enjoy their gig and, quite possibly, to have attacked this coommunity. Some anti-fascists, seeing this as a potential for just such an action, patrolled the streets during the evening. Nothing occurred. It was obvious, however, that many anti-fascists, not in the ANL, had come prepared to fight back against fascist provocation at the protest. Another good sign was the use of disguises to avoid identification.

On May 19, 1989 , a report in the papers tells of how neo-nazis are distributing propoganda in East End schools. The leaflet reads; *"Fight terror with terror. We do not wish for law and order, for law and orders means the continued existence of this rotten, rip-off capitalist, Jew system."*

That same day, death threats directed at Vancouver's abortion clinic are reported. Staff say that at a recent pro-choice meeting, a 'significant number' of neo-nazi skins turned up. Police were called and organizers cancelled the meeting.

From this little diary, we can come to these conclusions; the fascists are, as we stated in Ecomedia no.6 escalating their activities, propoganda, recruitment and violence. They are building up documents on known anti-fascists. They have within their organisation, longtime

Tony MacLear strikes a stunning pose.

KKK goons such as Al Hooper, identified as one of the men who attacked as one of the men who attacked the ANL May 9th. They see racist violence as their primary tool in achieving their aims.

MEDIA RESPONSE

Mainstream media has reacted to this recent upsurge of fascist activities in two ways; on the one hand they have given substantial coverage, yet on the other they simultaneously down-play the potential of the fascists and trivialise it. The ANL, dinosaurs that they are, have been the most prominent of the anti-fascist activities, & in the eyes of th media ahve suddendly become the aggressors when theyleaf let or protest. In the May 11/89 Province, the nazi skins are refered to as "skinheads", whilst the ANL are " Nazi-haters". One TV new reporter in refferance to the undisturbed May 18 rally, sais the anti-fascsits had "overreacted". A recent assault outside Club Soda, a trendy dance club, was reported in

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War games over Canada

On Monday, June 14th, Defense minister Bill "Butface" Mcknight approved mass training flights of U.S. bombers over Canada. Three of the four annual, one day exercises begining in September will involve low-level, subsonic flights of as many as 25 bombers and 12 fighters. The two routes, each 1400 kilometres long, will cross over the North West Territories, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Northern native leaders object to these flights as they will be flying as low as 100 metres and will disturb wildlife and destroy their way of life which is dependant on this wildlife. The flights will pass over 19 native bands.

In B.C., the flights will take place from Fort Nelson and go to Bella Bella on the coast. Over 20,000 people live in this corridor and will be exposed to these moronic war games.

According to McKnight the flights were approved at the request of NORAD, the joint U.S.-Canada air defense network. The flights will include the controversial B-1B bomber which will be used to nuclear bombs that

are 100 times stronger than the one dropped on Hiroshima.

The flights will turn the north into a military playground for the Americains. It used to be that the north was mainly exploited for its resources now the governments have found that it's a good place to hide military testing.

People's Park Riot 1989

A recent parade in Berkeley, California, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the death of James Rector - shot to death by police as he watched the Peolple's Park riot of 1969, turned into a riot. Berkeley Police Dept. spokesman, David Anderson said 15 policemen and two firemen were injured, though non seriously, as about 2,000 people celebrated an evening of looting and destruction.

Before a force of about 75 cops were able to regain control of the five-block riot area, Waldenbooks, The Gap - a clothing store, and other stores were trashed and looted. Seven people were arrested and five juveniles were cited. A fire department car was overturned and burned.

According to the San Francisco Examiner the most serious confrontation occurred at a bonfire that was set a the corner of Telegraph ave. and Dwight Way. When firemen were sent in to extinguish it, the crowd tried to wrest hoses from thier hands, knocking out three of the intersection's four traffic lights. This is where the was overturned and burned and the first arrests took place.

"Police set the tone," said Mike Delacour, a People's Park activist.

"They had to make a show of force. They had to use muscle. They had to put out our little fire, but they don't put out the big bonfires up on fraternity row."

Source: Anarchy: a journal of desire armed

Kops cower behind wall of shields.

"The Free City of Copenhagen"

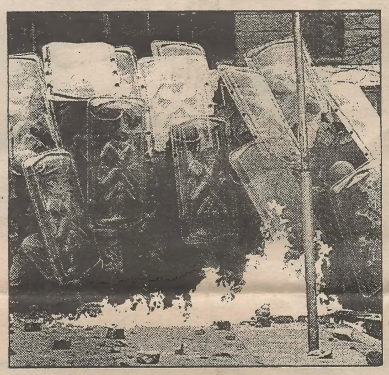
In Denmark there is a place which many call *"the free city of Copenhagen"*. The place is Christiania, a former barracks which after the military vacation of 1971, was occupied by young homeless activists.

The ocupants of this area only pay for water, electricity and garbage removal. Also there are community facilities paid for by a common fund. There are even some more anarchistic approaches to things , such as joint meetings making concensus decisions and workshops on a collective basis.

There used to be an open market for marihauna-pushers, who did not even contribute to the common fund despite the fact that they make huge profits dealing dope. However, recently concerned Christiania-activists decided to deal with this problem and now the *"pusher street"* has been more or less shut down.

Now there is a new right-wing government in Denmark, which wants the spirit of freedom in Christiania destroyed. The government decreed that all illegal activities must stop. What soon resulted was a police raid on the 14th of February on restaurants and public houses, which have no liquor licenses and pay no taxes.

The inhabitants were overwhelmed



Hovering around the fire.

at first by police. However, the pigs in their usual callousness did not count on outside supporters arriving. A street battle ensued. Barricades were built and the police were pelted with paving stones and molotovs. After about an hour, the cops had been chased out of Christiania.

Source: Danish ABC

Police Tear Gas Unarmed Natives

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It all started on Monday when the RCMP had driven to the reserve with a search warrant to investigate an alleged UIC fraud by the management of the 200 member Les Escoumins band. The Montagnais refused to allow the search.

Consequently, the RCMP tried to overpower the natives by returning in larger numbers. Bernard Potvin, an annoucer at the community radio station, said he saw RCMP arrive "with clubs, helmets and masks" and "everybody went running." The people of the reserve were not to be intimidated by the scare tactics of the kops. The RCMP soon became trapted after people on the reserve blocked the only exit with cars and trucks causing an eleven hour stand off between themselves and the kops.

Ever ready to show themselves as the morons they are, Quebec Provincial police showed up to tear gas the unarmed natives who became trapped in the barracade between the vehicles and some tables and chairs, which had been added to the barricade. One Montagnais, Nelson Moreau said, "the gas stung my eyes and I couldn't breathe any more." After the people were cleared from the barricade a forklift was used to clear away the cars and trucks.

George Bacon, president of the 12-band, 12,000 member Conseil Attikamek-Montagnais said the use by the QPP of a forklift and tear gas showed the "perplexing contradictions in the goverments actions."

"How can the government promise

us more autonomy on our territories, and at the same time send the tanks on us?"

A spokesperson for the pigs and government officials insisted that tear gas was the "safest" way to end the 11 hour standoff. Bacon suspects that there were "hidden motives" behind the raid.

Band leader Dennis Ross said the management of the band has not commited UIC fraud, and that "the band's practices are as white as snow".

"What happens is that many members keep on working at various projects on a voluntary basis."

Stark Raven Radio

MONDAY 9:30 PM
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A half-hour of Non-authoritarian news, analysis, and music. Topics include prison, ecology, militant actions, and much, much more good stuff.

Marion Prisoners Poisoned

Prisoners at USP Marion, a dungeon, experimental prison in Illinois, have been exposed to PCBs, cancer causing agents, in their drinking water. The drinking water comes from Crab Orchard Lake which has become highly contaminated with PCBs, from a toxic dumpsite, which leaks into the lake. Local outcry in the town of Marion has caused town officials to buy more expensive water elsewhere.

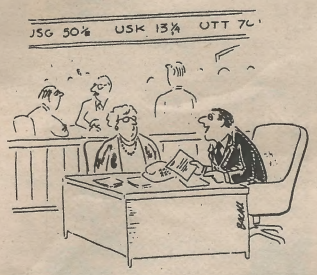
Guards at Marion are never seen drinking the water and prisoners have a high incident of rashes, cancer and other symptoms of PCB exposure.

Since 1984, there has been a class action lawsuit against the Bureau of Prisons(BOP), but the BOP has it stalled. It won't allow outside testing of the prisoners or of the water as it comes into the prison despite the fact that the lawyer handling the case for the prisoners said that he would drop the case if the water proved to be uncontaminated.

When questionned Warden Henman insisted that he and his family drink the water and that it is regularly tested but would not say by who or how. He rejected outside testing of prisoners by people the BOP didn't *"know"* because they might *"find all kinds of things wrong."*

It is clear that this must be one of the new forms of torture that that the experimental dungeon Marion was built to find.

Source: Marionette



"Now here's a nice safe investment. It's an 11 percent tax free bond issue to finance the construction of clandestine prisons."

Prisoners Tortured in Greece

Authorities in the prison at Patra, Greece, have been torturing two prisoners who made an escape attempt last Tuesday. The two, Yannis Petropoulos and Paraskevas Arapostathis, have now fallen into a coma as a result of the suspected beatings.

Two other prisoners in Patra have taken up a hunger strike in support of the two, and recieved beatings as well. Nikos Tsouvalakis, an anarchist prisoner who protested the treatment, has also been beaten, sustaining two broken ribs in the attack.

The original two hve been kept isolated and denied any contact with lawyers.

The Anarchist Black Cross, an international defense network for anarchist and class war prisoners, reponded in England, the U.S. and Canada with protests to the Greek representatives in their respective countries and those in the country itself, demanding:

1)that all beatings, torture and reprisals be stopped immediately;

2)that the prisoners be allowed contact with the lawyer of their choice, Mr. Basil Karaplis of Athens

Ecomedia readers are urged to respond to their nearest consulate or other appropriate target.

Source: Ecomedia Toronto

Pyromaniacs Rejoice

Great news for our friends south of the border. The U.S. supreme court ruled on Wednesday that burning the americain flag as a form of protest is protected by the U.S. constitution's free speech guarantees.

It was ruled (5-4) that Texas kops violated a protestor's rights, which are only an illusion anways, when they prosecuted him under a state law banning descretion or destruction of the flag.

Personally, I think that the americain flag is a symbol of oppression and exploitation to most people in the world and not the so-called freedom it is supposed to represent. It should be burnt at all times whether it is illegal or not , along with the state buildings they are usual found flying above.

Burn it down! Burn it down! Burn that fucker to the ground!

This year there is an international anarchist gathering in San Francisco from July 20-25. If you are going you should write if you need housing or other special needs, ie. daycare, differently abled. Write to:

Without Borders
1369 Haight St.
San Francisco, CA
94117 USA
415/864-4674

July 19th will be an Obnoxious Wimmin's Network(OWN) gathering for wimmin only. Write to: c/o Anarcha-Feminist Pre-Gathering '89, Box 915, Stn.F, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2N9 CANADA

Update: Hungerstrike in West Germany

The following is an update on the hungerstrike of political prisoners in West Germany, reported on in issue #6 of Ecomedia.

The Vancouver ABC, a group which supports anarchist and other political prisoners, has reproduced a tabloid on the hungerstrike. For a copy, please send a dollar to cover mailing costs to: Vancouver ABC, P.O. Box 2881, Vancouver, B.C. V5K 3X4 CANADA. The tabloid is available free to prisoners.

On May 12/89, the political prisoners annouced the end of the hungerstrike although the demands of the hungerstrike were not totally accomplished. The Minister of Justice in the SPD (Social Democratic Party) governed states (West Berlin, Nordhein-Westfalen and Schleswig-Holstein) annouced that they would associate prisoners in their states in groups of six and integrate them into the "normal" prison system. But that doesn't mean that total isolation is abolished. Political prisoners who are held in preventitive detention while awaiting their trial are still kept in total isolation (23 hours alone in a cell and One hour of yard exercise a day). There are 11 federal states, but only 3 of them promised to associate political prisoners. The situation in all other states is totally unclear about what kind of deal the prisoners will get.*

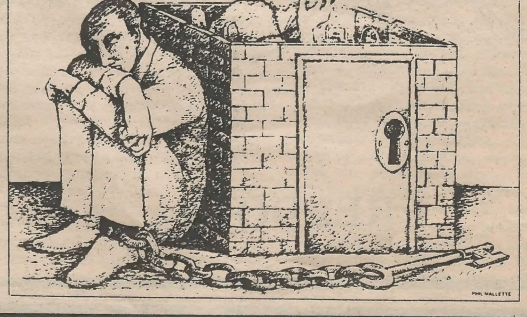
No one of the seriously sick prisoners got released, only Angelika Gooder was promised have surgery without pig surveillance and not to be placed back in isolation after the surgery. This hungerstrike was succesful in other ways as well. It raised consciousness about prison conditions used as torture to destroy the identity of almost everybody who doesn't conform to the system and about state repression and counter-insurgency programs to dam up the mass-struggle and issurection.

Despite political differences between Autonomen and Anti-Imperialists, they have learned to work together and to recognize their common goals, to fight the imperialist and patriarchal system.

The demands, supported by thousands of revolutionaries, liberals, christians, Humanists and individualists, were not all achieved. It seems like not all the prisoners nor the anti-imperialist and autonomous movements were satisfied with the agreement. However at the moment there is no more information.

* the most famous and perfect maximum security prison in the F.R.G. in Stuttgart-Stammheim, well-known as the leader in sensory deprivation, torture and isolation, is in a CDU(Christian Democratic Union/ Conservatives) governed federal state, Baden-Wurtemburg

Source: Vancouver ABC



We Must Make Our Own Justice

On May 9, 1989, Robin Voce, a womyn who was raped by two metro cops five years ago, hanged herself. After years of attempts to charge the cops, a lengthy "internal hearing", and being dragged through the mud by the media, Robin brought to a close the tragedy that began Febuary 8, 1984, when Gordon Trumbley and Rodney Pugh raped her in their cruiser after picking her up for drunk driving.

Although the internal hearing is continuing, everyone except some of the witnesses will be police - defense, prosecution, judge and jury are all police and their peers. The most the two rapists cops might suffer is the loss of their jobs.

On May 22, less than two weeks after the death, Gordon Trumbley also walked free from an independant probe of the killing of Gardner Myers. Myers choked to death on fluid in his lungs two hours after his arrest last July 8. He was clubbed at least 20 times during his arrest on "suspicion of burglary". Paul Griffin, Rick Dionne and Trumbley were cleared of any wrong-doing or use of "excessive force".

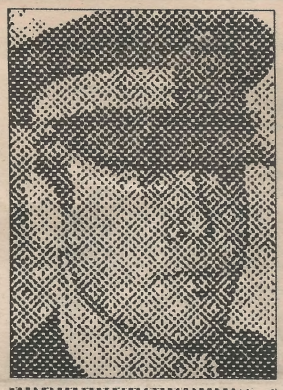
Police rapes are unbelievably common, as are police attacks, beatings, and the (less common) shootings of people of colour, "undesirables", and those otherwise in-the-wrong-place-at-the-wrong-time. Rapes are common to wimmin picked up on criminal charges or who can be threatened with them, ie. drunk driving, prostitution, or petty theft. These rapes are almost never reported, precisely because police co-workers control the chatges and proceedings. The exception is Robin Voce's uncommonly defiant move in following through on the charges over five years and refusing to give in to the extreme police and media pressure to back down - until her death.

Gordon Trumbley got caught twice, which might be considered a coincidence or just bad luck for him - it doesn't mean he's the only rapist or murdere on the force. Trumbley is not an exception - some might say he's the rule.

Faced with these kinds of attacks we are defenseless if we rely on their system of Just-us. We can't expect justice from any court system, internal hearings, or other courts proper. The law is a conspiracy which "serves and protects" itself above all others.

Q: What is the difference between a cop and a peice of shit?
A: The cop wears a uniform.

Source: Ecomedia Toronto



Gordon Trumbley, top, and Rodney Pugh, of Division 55.

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the daily papers as being the work of 4 skinheads. The attack was so brutal one victim was unconcious for 10 hours. The next day the skinheads are no more & it was the work of "thugs", perhaps an effort to downplay it?

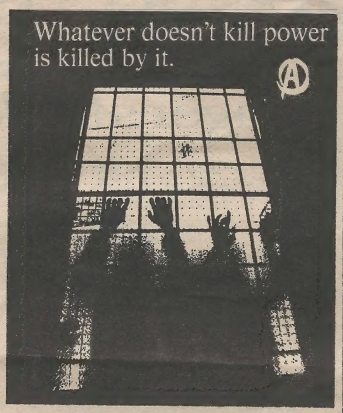
AN ANTI-FASCIST RESPONSE

Our call for anti-fascists to take the offensive, in last Ecomedia, has obviously fell on deaf ears. There has been a lot of posters & graffiti put up, & at first there was a prolific amount of ANL literature about, but all these activities ahve since more or less stopped However, too many still want to "discuss" which direction the resistance will take. Their must obviously be a plural appraoch, on different levels; education, propogganda, confrontation & attack. It seems too many think we live in an isolated city, & that we must ignore what other communities ahve done in response to nazi-groups. Once again we say look to how people through-out America, the UK, and in Europe have handled this same situation. Still people cry of "retaliation" if we take an offensive stance. However, in the last 3 months nothing substantial has been done to the nazi skins, yet they've attacked gays, non-whites, & leftists. When will we break the suffocating & sterile mold of apathy, non-violence, & finally fight back?

In Denmark, on April 14th, the Danish nazi-Fuhrer, Poul Heirich Riis Knudsen was invited to speak on an entertainment program on the Danish national TV station(TV2).

But the unsavory interest in nazi politics and higher TV ratings were interupted by approximately 200 masked demonstrators shouting "child murderer" as the nazi-Fuhrer was saying that diabetics should not be allowed to have children. Then the program was cut off, the lights went out and Riis knudsen, also head of the World Union of National Socialists, had to run away as he was left alone by his nazi bodyguard.

Source:Danish ABC



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